SENATE BILL 1594

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to teacher licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-103.

The state board of education shall not issue a teacher license to any applicant seeking to teach grades eight through twelve (8-12) unless the applicant has an academic degree in the content subject that the applicant seeks to teach. The applicant shall not receive credit towards the license for courses taken in education, pedagogy or methods.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.